

Women Right to Land in Nigeria

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SUMMARY

A series of international laws since the late 1940s have upheld the rights of women to land and property. The purpose of this publication is to provide detailed guidance for lawmakers and policymakers, as well as civil society organizations and other stakeholders, to support the adoption and effective implementation of laws, policies and programmes to respect, protect and fulfil women's rights to land and other productive resources. This paper helps to bring to the surface many of the critical issues facing women today in relation to the enjoyment of their land rights. Therefore, this paper uses the phrase "women's rights to land and other productive resources" to reflect this broader context. The overarching objective of the study is to enhance knowledge (generation and dissemination), build evidence and raise awareness on the need to strengthen Women's land rights for economic development, improved livelihoods, environmental sustainability and enhanced governance. Sustainability was adopted, an inception meeting of consultants with selected resource persons and partners to gain a common understanding of the key concepts, objectives and expected outcomes of the study was done, interviews with persons (including traditional leaders) was conducted. Findings provide lessons in designing and implementing innovative and integrated approaches to reduce women's marginalization.

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